January 31, 2003

Steve Wade Roundup Power Project P.O. Box 1697 Helena, MT 59624

Dear Mr. Wade:

The Department of Environmental Quality (Department) has made its decision on the air quality permit application for the construction and operation of a nominal 780-megawatt (MW) pulverized coal (PC)-fired power plant. The application was given permit number 3182-00. The Department's decision may be appealed to the Board of Environmental Review (Board). A request for hearing must be filed by February 18, 2003. If no appeal is filed, this permit shall become final on February 19, 2003.

<u>Procedures for Appeal</u>: Any person jointly or severally adversely affected by the final action may request a hearing before the Board. Any appeal must be filed before the final date stated above. The request for a hearing shall contain an affidavit setting forth the grounds for the request. Any hearing will be held under the provisions of the Montana Administrative Procedures Act. Submit requests for a hearing in triplicate to: Chairman, Board of Environmental Review, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620.

Conditions: See attached.

For the Department,

David L. Klemp Air Permitting Supervisor Air & Waste Management Bureau (406) 444-3490

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